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**REQUEST
FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	091733,347
Filing Date	12/11/2000
First Named Inventor	REINHOLD BARLIAN
Group Art Unit	2831
Examiner Name	CARNELO OLIVA
Attorney Docket Number	BAR 207

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 110224
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 04/21/2003 YPOLITE1 00000104 09733347
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Applicant: Reinhold Barlian et al.

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Filing Date: December 11, 2000

Title: ELECTRICAL DEVICE

Examiner: Carmelo Oliva

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is:

- <X> REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
- <X> AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION DATED APRIL 16, 2003 (21 pages)
- <X> ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE
- <X> "ELECTRISCHE BETRIEBSMITTEL FUR EXPLOSSIONSGEFAHRDETE BEREICHE, DRUCKFESTE KAPSELUNG „D“
DEUTCHE FASSUNG EN 50018:2000 OF DECEMBER 2001.
- <x> FORM PTO-2038

(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

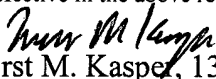
(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 35 U.S.C. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 35 USC 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703)415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 17, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency and/or additional fees, which may be required to Account Number 11-0224.

Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows: